

# Quality Time

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Guide to Entertainment & Events

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September kicks off with Labor Day weekend. Let's start off this September by remembering 9/11 with a **Freedom Walk** then take advantage of DFMWR-sponsored and tri-state events, like a big buck contest and offshore fishing.

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# *Commander's Letter*

September kicks off with Labor Day weekend, a time to take that last trip to the beach, a time for Family picnics in the park and a time to catch up on some much needed fishing. This year, why not spend this Labor Day closer to home? You can **Celebrate Labor Day on River Street** and enjoy the fireworks Friday night then spend Saturday absorbing those last summer rays on Tybee Island's sandy beaches, or you can stay on River Street and take advantage of all the fun-filled events happening there.

Do you like art? Then load up the Family and head down to Florida's Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park for **Art in the Park**, Sept. 5. Folk artists will be there to demonstrate a variety of art and offer workshops to those interested in pottery, quilting or painting.

The week preceding the tragic anniversary of 9/11 will be a busy one. Be sure to take part in one of the **Freedom Walks** scheduled for 6 p.m., Sept. 10 at Fort Stewart and Sept. 11 at Hunter Army Airfield. You can also participate in a fun run in downtown Hinesville, Sept. 11-12, called **Hoofin' it for Our Heroes** or just sit back and enjoy some relaxing blues music and some great BBQ at Hinesville's **Blues and BBQ**, also Sept. 11-12. Regional blues artists will entertain you, while you sample some of the area's best pulled pork, ribs, brisket and chicken.

With your appetite now whet for some good food, be sure to visit Club Stewart or Hunter Club, Sept. 13 for **A Taste of the Caribbean**. Our clubs' themed Sunday brunches are a double bargain for Soldiers and Families Members. For a very low price one Sunday a month, you can get all-you-can-eat, delicious breakfast items and a themed main course meal. Whether it's Italian, Irish, Caribbean or German, the food is always great! Take your Family to this month's Sunday brunch and find out what you've been missing.

If you like blues, how about a little jazz music? Hop on up to Hilton Head Island, Sept. 14-19 for **A Seafood, Jazz and Brew Festival**. Sample the island's best seafood and locally brewed beer

while enjoying the sounds of live jazz music.

The little Tattnall County town of Reidsville is putting on a big show, Sept. 26 for its 6th annual **Wiregrass Festival**. Let the kids enjoy the rides and games while all can enjoy those great festival foods, car, truck and motorcycle shows, and a Civil War reenactment.

The even smaller town of Hahira, Ga. has yet another Family-fun festival, the **Honey Bee Festival**, Sept. 28 through Oct. 3. Here's another chance to enjoy festival food, as well as arts and crafts, but here you'll also get to sample their locally produced honey.

The folks at the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation have been working hard to put together events for single Soldiers and Families. Single Soldiers have an opportunity to participate in an **Offshore Fishing Tournament**, Sept. 19, while all are eligible to participate in the **Big Buck Contest**, the **50 Bird Skeet Tournament**, **Top of the Rock Run** and a special **National Hunting and Fishing Day** event. Learn about these events and the history behind your own community in this month's Quality Time, where this month's feature article explains the rich history of **Liberty County**.

I urge you and your Family to participate in as many of these events as possible. Get out there, have fun and be safe!

**"Rock of the Marne"**



*Colonel Kevin W. Milton*  
**Garrison Commander**  
**Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield**



Come join us for a  
***Taste of the Caribbean***  
**Sunday Brunch**

**Club Stewart and Hunter Club**  
**Sept. 13 • 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

***Menu***

*Breakfast items*

*Salad bar*

*Jamaican jerk chicken*

*Jamaican crispy fish*

*Peas and rice plantains*

*Fresh green beans*

*Caribbean grilled corn bread pudding with rum sauce  
and other assorted desserts.*

**The cost is \$11.95 per person with children ages 5-10 half price.  
Children ages 4 and under eat free. Call Hunter at 459-7923 or  
Fort Stewart at 368-2212 for more information.**

# Ongoing DFMWR Events

## Monday thru Friday

### "Toddler Time" at Cypress Sam's

Toddlers up to 5 years old are invited to play at Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday thru Friday. Socks are required. The cost is \$1 per child playing. Call 767-9884 for more information.

## Every Monday

### Learn Adventure Golf Basics

With our staff's assistance, you can learn the basics of playing Adventure Golf from 5 to 7 p.m., Mondays at Cypress Creek, building 448. The \$2 cost includes all instruction fees and equipment. Call 767-9884 for more information.

### Adult Fitness Only Skating

Like to get fit? Try the Adults Only Fitness Skating on Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449. The \$5 per person cost includes skate rental. Call 767-9884 for more information.

### "Family Kickball" at Corkan

Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449, will open its doors from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays to Families interested in that old favorite, kickball. The cost is \$1 per person for all Family members who want to play. Call 767-9884 for more information.

### "Over 18 Nite" at Corkan

"Over 18 Nite" is from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mondays at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449. Skating is \$5 per person, Laser Tag is \$5 per game per person and Indoor Climbing is \$7 per person per hour. Admission requires an ID to show that you are 18 or older, so don't forget your ID card. Parents, we are sorry. No children will not be allowed. Call 767-9884 for more information.

# Community Highlights

## —for September

### Expectant Moms Day at Corkan

Sept. 6

Corkan Family Recreation celebrates Labor Day from noon to 9 p.m., Sept. 6 with one free game or admission to any facility for all expectant mothers. Call 767-9884 for more information.

### Chocolate Milkshake Day at Corkan

Sept. 11

Celebrate this national holiday from 3 to 11 p.m. Sept. 11 with one-half off the regular price of all chocolate milkshakes purchased at Corky's Concession in the Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449. Call 767-9884 for more information.

### Pass & Permit Big Buck Contest

Sept. 12

The Pass & Permit Big Buck Contest will be held from Sept. 12 through Dec. 31, with the winners being announced at the Wildlife Gala on Jan. 9, 2010 at Club Stewart.

The contest is open to all valid Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield hunting pass holders, who can register until Oct. 15. The entry fee is \$25 per person. The buck must be harvested on Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield.

Various prizes will be awarded, including cash prizes. The grand prize for active duty Soldiers is \$400 and a deer head mount.

The first-place prize for other participants is \$400. The female contestant harvesting the largest buck also will receive a deer head mount.

For more information, call Fort Stewart Pass & Permit at 435-8033 or Hunter at 315-5163.



### Celebrate Grandparents Day at Corkan

Sept. 13

Corkan Family Recreation recognizes grandparents, who give all to their Families, with one free admission/game to any facility from noon to 9 p.m., Sept. 13. Call 767-9884 for more information

**Enjoy a Taste of the Caribbean Sunday Brunch** **Sept. 13**

Join us for "A Taste of the Caribbean" brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Hunter Club and at Club Stewart.

The menu will include *breakfast items, salad bar, Jamaican jerk chicken, Jamaican crispy fish, peas and rice plantains, fresh green beans, Caribbean grilled corn bread pudding with rum sauce and assorted desserts.*

The cost \$11.95 per person with children ages 5-10 half price. Children ages 4 and under eat free.

Call Hunter at 459-7923 or Fort Stewart at 368-2212 for more information.

**Kids Scavenger Hunt at Corkan** **Sept. 18**

Join us at 7 p.m., Sept. 18 for a free Kids Scavenger Hunt at Cypress Creek Adventure Golf, building 448.

Our staff will hide an object or objects, give patrons some clues then see who can find the object first.

Game will end once the object or objects are found. Winner will receive four free game coupons to Corkan Family Area Recreation facilities.

Call 767-9884 for more information.

**Free Offshore Fishing Tournament for Soldiers** **Sept. 19**

Offshore Outlaw, a blue water fishing club out of Fort McAllister Marina, is offering active duty Soldiers an opportunity to participate in a FREE offshore charter fishing tournament Sept. 19.

All equipment, tackle and a bag lunch will be provided by the boat owners. Free T-shirts.

Registration began Aug. 17 and will continue until all slots were filled.

A captain's meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m., Sept. 18, which is mandatory for all participants.

For details or to sign up, call Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's Outdoor Recreation at 767-8205 or 315-9534; Pass & Permit at 435-8601 or 315-5163; or Leisure Travel at 767-8609 or 315-3674.



# Ongoing DFMWR Events

**Every Wednesday****Toddler Bowling Class**

Bring the little ones to Cypress Sam's Treehouse, building 449 on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m., unless it is a holiday or school vacation day, so they can learn the basics of bowling, toddler style. The \$1 cost includes all instructional fees and equipment. Call 767-9884 for more information.

**Every Thursday****Roller Skating Class 101**

Learn how to skate. We'll show you how at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449 from 6 to 8 p.m., every Thursday. So come on out and learn all the basics. The cost is \$5 per session and includes all instructional fees and equipment. Call 767-9884 for more information.

**Climbing Class at Corkan**

Learn to be a novice climber at Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449. Instruction will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursdays. The \$7 per session cost includes all instructional fees and equipment. Climbing students must be at least 8 years old. Call 767-9884 for more information.

**Mondays and Fridays****"Toddler Splash" at Water Park**

Like "Toddler Time" at Cypress Sam's Treehouse? Try our "toddler splash" from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Mondays and Fridays, weather permitting, at "The Springs" Water Spray Park, building 448. The cost is \$1 per adult accompanying toddler. Open to toddlers 5 years old and under.



Wish You Were Here!

# Community Showcase

*Club Stewart*

Sept. 9 • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

*Hunter Club*

Sept. 10 • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Surrounding area communities will showcase activities and events for the upcoming fall and winter season. Come fill up your calendar with fun and exciting events for the entire Family.



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# Ongoing DFMWR Events

## Fridays and Saturdays

### Adventure Family Fun Golf After Dark

Enjoy some fun, from 7 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays after the sun goes down and the cool coastal breezes blow in. Cypress Creek Adventure Golf, building 448, will be open until 10 p.m. for your summer enjoyment. This special will be postponed if a private party is scheduled. The cost is \$2 per game per person. Call 767-9884 for more information.

## Every Saturday

### "Teen Nite" at Corkan

Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449, is the place to be for teens ages 13-18 on Saturdays from 8 to 11 p.m. Pay just \$5 to skate or \$5 per game for laser tag. Remember to ask Mom and Dad. Parents are reminded that curfew on Fort Stewart is 11 p.m., so all teens need to be picked up by then. Call 767-9884 for more information.

## Every Sunday

### Teen Wii Challenge at Corkan

The staff at Corkan Teen Recreation Center, building 438, will challenge teens against teens in Wii game competition from 3 to 8 p.m., every Sunday. There's no charge, and the daily winner will win two free games at any Corkan facility. Call 767-3781 for more information.

## Everyday

### Corkan Elite Laser Tag

Compete in the Corkan Family Fun Center's Elite Laser Quest. All during September, we will print and record all scores and award the high scores with two free games at any Corkan Family Recreation facility. There are three age categories: 5 to 12, 13 to 18, and 18 and over, plus two team categories, Families and active duty Soldiers. Cost is \$5 per person per game to participate. Call 767-9884 for more information.

## 50 Bird Skeet Tournament

Sept. 19

A 50 Bird Skeet Tournament will be held starting at 8 a.m., Sept. 19 at the Fort Stewart Skeet and Trap Range, building 8332. The event will be open to all Soldiers, Family Members, retirees, Army Civilians and their guest. The high overall shooter from each of divisions will receive an award. Divisions are youths, ages 12 -17; ladies; beginning shooter; novice shooter; and expert shooter. Entry fee is \$30 per shooter. Participants will receive a lunch coupon for a hamburger/hot dog meal during the day.

Shotguns - 12 and 20 gauge - will be available for Soldiers who do not have their own. Ammunition will be available for purchase. Required pre-registration will begin Sept. 3 and end Sept. 17. Participants can register at the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Skeet and Trap Ranges or Outdoor Recreation facilities. Call 435-8219 or 767-2515 for more information.



## Travel Opportunities

Sept. 19, 26

Check out these September opportunities:

- Sept. 19 visit *Okefenokee Swamp*. Depart the Stewart Leisure Travel Office, building 443, and spend the day exploring the "Land of the Trembling Earth."

- Sept. 26 is *Military Day at Six Flags over Georgia*. Army (active duty) only and two immediate Family Members get into park for free. Spend the night and tour the Georgia Aquarium and Underground Atlanta before returning to Fort Stewart, Sept. 27. Call 767-2841 for additional information.

## "Top of the Rock" Road Race

Sept. 26

The "Top of the Rock Run," a 5K and 10K race will take place between the Quick Track and Newman Fitness Center, beginning at 9 a.m., Sept. 26. Ten age categories will be available for male and female competitors: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, plus 55 and Over. There also will be a 10K Team competition.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall winners of the 5K and 10K male and female finishers, the top two finishers in each age category, and the top two teams. Team competition runners pre-register at Bennett Sports Complex and Tominac Fitness Center until Sept. 23. Individual runners pre-register until Sept. 25. Pre-registration cost for the 5K and 10K run for individuals is \$18. The cost for teams is \$15. For additional information, contact the Sports Office at 767-8238/8326.





**\*See map on page 13 for event location**

## Sept. 4-6

### **Celebrate Labor Day on River Street**

**Savannah, Ga.** – First, come out Friday and celebrate the end of the week on River Street with the fireworks going off at 9:30 p.m. then join in on the River Street Labor Day celebration, Saturday and Sunday, starting at 9 a.m.

Enjoy arts & crafts, entertainment and fun for the entire Family, featuring artists and entertainers from around the region. Free and open to the public. **Directions:** Take I-95 North then I-16 East to Savannah. Turn on Martin Luther King Blvd. Take a right on Liberty St. and stay on it until you get to Abercorn St. Turn left and follow Abercorn to Bay St. Park and walk down to River St. **#1 on Map**

## Sept. 5

### **Enjoy Art in the Park**

**White Springs, Fla.** – Visit Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, Labor Day Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and enjoy Art in the Park at the park's craft square and gift shop. Artisans will demonstrate the art of pottery, fabric arts, stained glass, quilting, painting, jewelry making and a wide variety of Florida art. Workshops available.

Visit our shaded picnic and playground area or take a hike along the Suwannee River. Park admission is \$5 per vehicle, plus \$5 per workshop. Call (386) 397-1920 for more information.

**Directions:** Take I-95 south to Jacksonville then I-10 west toward Lake City. At exit 301, go north on U.S. 41 to White Springs then east on FLA-136 to Stephen Foster State Park. **#2 on Map**

## Sept. 11-12

### **Sign up for in Hoofin' it for Our Heroes**

**Hinesville, Ga.** – Take part in a 1.6-mile fun/walk run, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Friday, and a 5/10K run, starting at 7 a.m., Saturday, in downtown Hinesville. A special dedication will be made on Friday evening to honor those who lost their lives or served during the 9/11 attacks. There will be a free concert Saturday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration deadline for both events is Aug. 24. Registration cost for Friday's run is \$5. Cost for Saturday's run is \$5 for children 5 and younger, \$10 for ages 6 to 10, and \$20 for 17 and older. Call 368-4282 for more information. **Directions:** Both runs start in downtown Hinesville. **#3 on Map**

# *Top of the Rock Run*

**5K and 10K race**

**9 a.m., Sept. 26**

***Quick Track and  
Newman Fitness Center***



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**Individuals pre-registration cost for the 5K and 10K run is \$18.**

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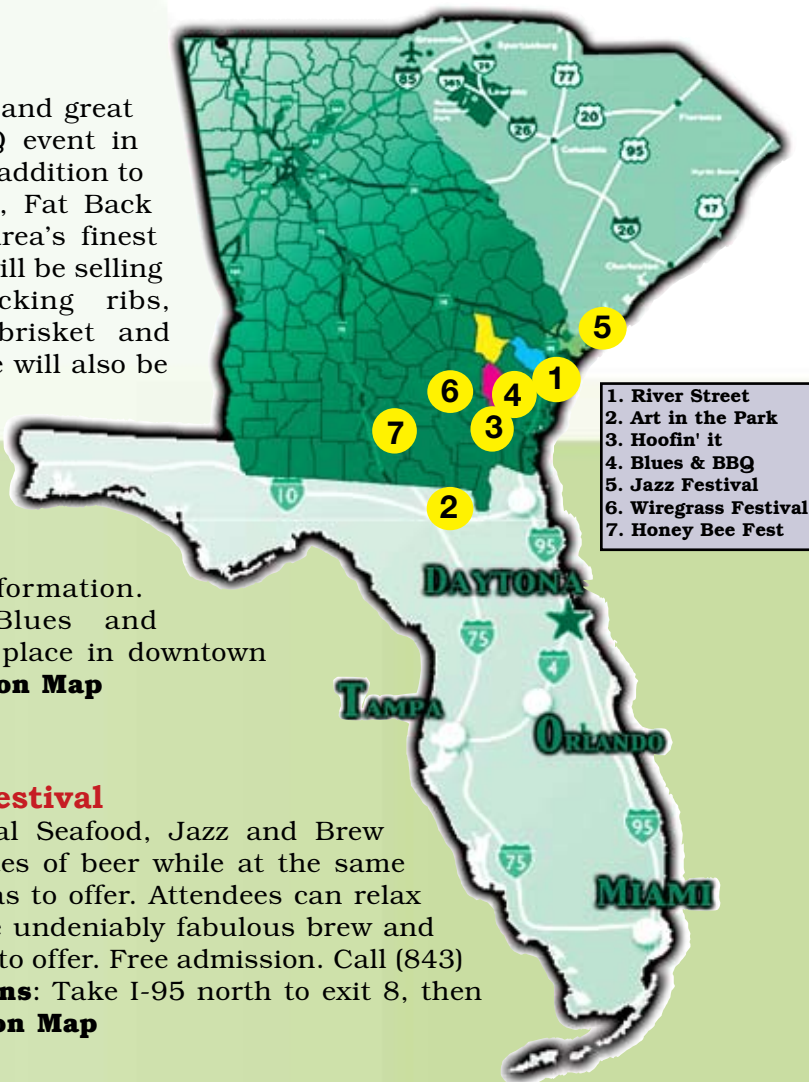


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**Sept. 14-19****Enjoy a Seafood, Jazz and Brew Festival**

**Hilton Head, S.C.** – The 3rd annual Seafood, Jazz and Brew Festival showcases the premium attributes of beer while at the same time offering every pleasure the island has to offer. Attendees can relax and relish the sounds of jazz, enjoy some undeniably fabulous brew and indulge in the best seafood the island has to offer. Free admission. Call (843) 686-4944 for more information. **Directions:** Take I-95 north to exit 8, then take U.S. 278 to Hilton Head Island. **#5 on Map**

**Sept. 26****Come celebrate the Wiregrass Festival**

**Reidsville, Ga.** – It's a Family festival that includes car, truck and motorcycle shows, Civil War reenactments, children's activities and lots of good food. Free admission. Call (912) 557-6323 for more information. **Directions:** Take GA-119 from Gulick Ave. through Fort Stewart, turning left on GA-144. Take GA-144 to Glennville, Ga. then GA-57 to Reidsville. Look for signs directing you to festival. **#6 on Map**

**Sept. 28-Oct. 3****Be sweet at Hahira Honey Bee Festival**

**Hahira, Ga.** – If you enjoy the sweet taste of honey, come on down to Hahira, Ga. for the 28th Annual Honey Bee Festival.

Hahira is touted as having the best parade in Georgia. Enjoy the parade, festival foods, arts and

crafts, and especially the locally produced honey. Free admission. Call (229) 794-3097 for more information. **Directions:** Take U.S. 84 south from Hinesville through Jesup and Waycross, all the way to Valdosta, Ga. At I-75, go north to exit 29 and take GA-122 to Hahira. Look for signs directing you to festival. **#7 on Map**





# September Community Calendar

**4-6 Celebrate Labor Day on River Street Savannah, Ga.** – First, come out Friday and celebrate the end of the week on River Street with the fireworks going off at 9:30 p.m. Then join in on the River Street Labor Day celebration, Saturday and Sunday, starting at 9 a.m. Enjoy arts and crafts, entertainment and fun for the entire Family. Free and open to the public. **Directions:** Take I-95 North then I-16 East to Savannah. Turn on Martin Luther King Blvd. Take a right on Liberty St. and stay on it until you get to Abercorn St. Turn left and follow Abercorn to Bay St. Park and walk down to River St.

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## October Highlights

**Oct. 3 Canoe Excursion Darien, Ga.** – Explore old rice canals with a variety of plants and wildlife on this 8-mile trip on Cathead Creek into the town of Darien. The \$25 cost includes canoe, paddles and life jackets. Call (912) 437-4770 for more information.

**Oct. 14-25 S.C. State Fair Columbia, S.C.** – Come up to the Palmetto State and enjoy a day of fair food, rides, exhibits and entertainment. Gate tickets for general admission are \$8. Call (803) 799-3387 for more information.

★ Have a happy, safe Labor Day weekend with your Family! ★



# Liberty County:

## *Still the home of heroes*



**Randy Murray**  
Managing Editor

On Feb. 5, 1777, the Georgia state legislature established seven counties from land that had been ceded to the English by treaty with the Creek Indians when the colony of Georgia was founded in 1733. One of those counties called itself Liberty, an acknowledgement that the 13 American colonies had recently declared their independence from the British Empire.

The area called Liberty County originally encompassed much more land than today. The state legislature took land from Liberty County to create Glynn County (Brunswick) in 1789 then McIntosh County (Darien) in 1793 and finally Long County (Ludowici) in 1920.

In addition to the communities of Hinesville, Allenhurst, Fleming, Flemington, Gum Branch, Midway, Riceboro and Walthourville, Liberty County is the home of Fort Stewart, which is the home of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Probably more than any other community in the state, Liberty County was the home of several mili-

tary heroes during American Revolution. It's only appropriate that the division with the most Medal of Honor recipients and reputation for defending liberty around the world would one day call Liberty County its home, proving it's still the home of heroes.

The coastal town of Sunbury was initially named the county seat as it was already a thriving seaport city. Defending the town was nearby Fort Morris, an earthwork fortification garrisoned by 200 Patriots who had about 25 cannons of varying sizes to defend the fort and nearby town. Historical records say the fort was surrounded by a parapet, and it had a moat. There was also a small parade field, about an acre in size.

In November 1778, British Colonel L.V. Fuser landed at Sunbury with 500 ground troops supported by armed ships in the Midway River. Fuser demanded the fort's commander, Col. John McIntosh, surrender the fort immediately.

Although he had only 127 trained Continental Soldiers, a few local militiamen and several Sunbury residents to defend the fort, McIntosh's response to the British officer was, "Come and take it!"

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**Sept. 26 • 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
**Fort Stewart's Pond #30**

6:30 – 7 a.m., registration

7 – 11 a.m., fishing time

7 a.m. – 1 p.m., display booths

10 – 11 a.m., kayak and canoe demo

11 a.m. – noon, casting competition

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., fish cleaning demo

Noon – 1 p.m., fish fry tasting booth

**FREE**, state and post permit requirements

waived for National Hunting and Fishing Day

*\*DFMWR will run shuttles from several pre-determined locations throughout the event for Soldiers living in barracks.*

*Display booths with information on the hunting and fishing opportunities at Fort Stewart will be provided by DPW Fish and Wildlife Branch, DES Game Wardens and DFMWR Outdoor Recreation.*

**Creel limits will be enforced:**

Catfish	5 fish	10-inch minimum
Bass	2 fish	15-inch minimum
Crappie	10 fish	10-inch minimum

For more information, call 767-5145.



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The British chose to retreat to the south that day but returned in January 1779 with an even larger force.

They captured the fort and destroyed both the fort and the town of Sunbury. The fort and town were rebuilt with the fort being renamed Fort Defiance and used against the British again during the War of 1812. The county seat, however, was moved to nearby Riceboro in 1797.

Sunbury began to struggle to maintain a sense of community, with its population ever-decreasing due to plague and poverty. When Union troops destroyed the town again in 1864, residents never really tried to rebuild. Only the ruins of Fort Morris and about 50 gravestones in Sunbury Cemetery are left as evidence of a once thriving community.

Riceboro remained the county seat for about 40 years. By 1836, the majority of voters wanted to move the county seat to a more central location.

State senator, Charlton Hines, introduced legislation proposing a new county seat be established within one mile of a spot known by locals as the General Parade Ground, a place where the local militia drilled.

This location was accessible to the Gulf and Western Railroads and central to the

rest of the county.

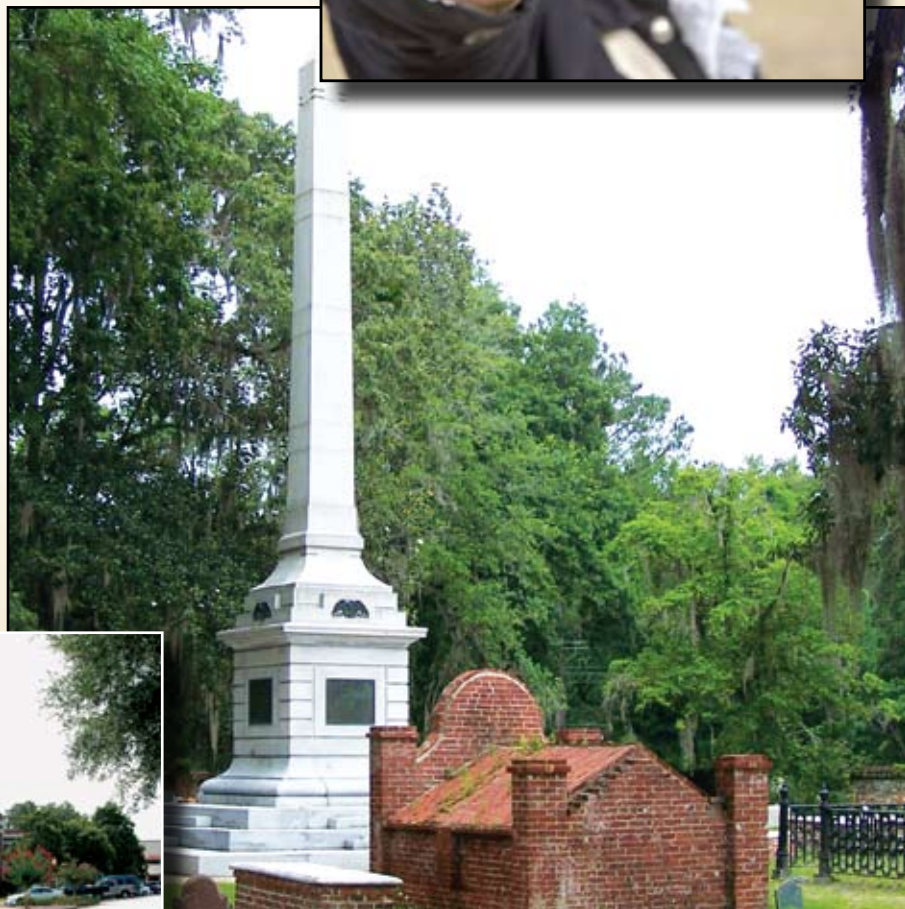
A year later, the new county seat was named Hinesville in honor of Sen. Hines. However, it was not incorporated as a town until 1916.

In addition to towns and communities with historic significance, Liberty County has a rich history of Revolutionary War heroes, including Robert Sallette, Andrew Walthour, James Screven and Daniel Stewart.

The county has also had a number of prominent political figures, including Button Gwinnet and Lyman Hall,

both signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Naturalist and mathematician Louis LeConte also called Liberty County his home. In fact, LeConte Woodmanston Plantation is now a national historic site included among the historic sites listed as part of the **Liberty Trail**.



The Liberty Trail starts at exit 13 on I-95, just south of Richmond Hill. You can follow the map provided at an information kiosk at exit 13, but, for the most part, you can find most of the important sites by following U.S. 84 south toward Hinesville, stopping off first at Dorchester Academy, the first school established for African-American boys shortly after the Civil War. Next, visit the Fort Stewart Museum, located on the corner of Frank Cochran Dr. and William H. Wilson Ave. about a half mile from Fort Stewart's front gate (Gate 1).

Get back on U.S. 84, continue south to Airport Rd. Turn east on GA-119 toward historic Riceboro. You'll find this road is a scenic highway with long stretches of moss-covered oak trees that line both sides of the highway, reaching inward to create a green tunnel.



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**W**hen you intersect U.S. 17, you can visit historic Riceboro and LeConte Woodmanston Plantation then head north on U.S. 17 toward Midway.

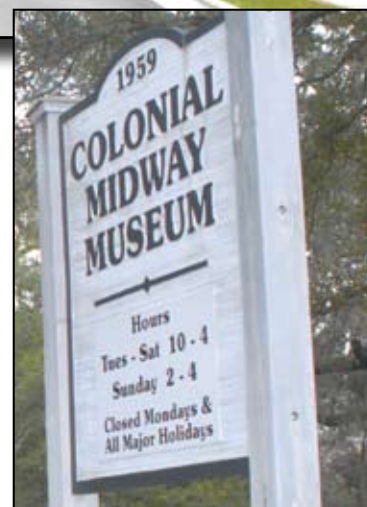
In Midway, you'll first want to visit the Colonial Museum then Midway Church, the second oldest church in Georgia.

Across the road from the church, walk among the headstones of some of the state's most famous leaders, including Sallette and LeConte, as well as Brigadier Generals Screven and Stewart.

From Midway, take Sunbury Road to the Fort Morris Historic Site, Sunbury Cemetery and Seabrook Village, a community started by former slaves in the late 1860's.

At this point, you have followed the Liberty Trail to its end, but don't let that end your appreciation of the county's rich history, which lives on in its people.

Today, the people's longstanding desire for liberty is best shown in their support of Fort Stewart's Soldiers and Family Members, who also call Liberty County their home.



# Rocky's gets new look, new priorities

**Bob Mathews**

*DFMWR Marketing Publicity Specialist*

Rocky's has become Rocky's Zone, a Soldier recreation center. But a lot more has been going on at Rocky's in the past couple months than just a name change, according to Recreation Delivery System Programmer Marline Parker.

MPOG stations are being replaced with free Xbox and PlayStation game systems; pay-as-you-go pool tables were replaced with free pool tables. There's also a new foosball table. Wi-Fi is free, as is cable television with sports packages on flat-screen television receivers.

The movie theater at Rocky's is being upgraded to provide better seating and a DVD library. Texas Hold 'Em and other card game tournaments are being planned along with other events to encourage competition among units and individuals.

FREE is one of the key words in Rocky's changes.

In Army and in local surveys, Soldiers said they wanted a recreational area, a place more like a sports bar and grille where they didn't have to spend a lot of money to relax and

enjoy themselves.

Rocky's Zone was planned with the Soldiers' preferences in mind. Soldiers now pay only for drinks, snacks or food.

Before the transition, they had to pay for nearly everything, such as the MPOGs and video games.

"We are going to come up with all kinds of different programs, based on surveys that we've done with Soldiers. And, we will be doing regular surveys to be on target with the types of films Soldiers want to see," Parker said.

The hours of operation on the Rocky's Zone Soldier Recreation Center are Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Fridays from 4 p.m. until midnight.

On Saturdays and Sundays, it is open from noon to midnight. Rocky's bar is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Rocky's now houses the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers headquarters.

"Our Soldiers do so much for us, and caring for them and giving them a place to have fun and relax in between the training and missions is one of our ways to say thank you," Parker said.



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**6 p.m., Ceremony and Walk**

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## **Learning Opportunities**

*at Main Post Chapel*

### **Marriage 101**

Six hour seminar for  
couples considering marriage.  
Call 767-7028.

### **Single Soldier Bible Study**

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m

# Spiritual Fitness

## Faith Group Awareness

FGAP is an educational series devoted to increasing understanding and tolerance among faith groups. Each quarter a distinctive faith group is showcased. FGAP is open to all Soldiers, their Families and Army Civilians. POC is Mike Iliff 767-9789.

## Operation Helping Hand

OHH is the Commander's ongoing emergency food assistance program for Soldiers and their Families. The program is managed and funded by the installation chaplain.

Soldiers and Family Members needing to use this program should contact their unit chaplain.

### Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789 • Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Cherish Kulka, call 767-6825. • Hunter Youth Ministry Coordinator, Charles Archer, call 315-5934  
• Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

### Chapel Schedule

#### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass .....	Main Post Chapel .....	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass .....	Main Post Chapel .....	9 a.m.

#### Protestant

Contemporary Worship .....	Marne .....	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship .....	Main Post Chapel .....	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship .....	Marne .....	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship .....	Heritage .....	11 a.m.
Kids' Church (K to 6th grade) ....	Across from Dia. Elem.....	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday) .....	Main Post Chapel .....	9:30 a.m.

#### Islamic

Friday Jum'ah .....	Marne .....	1:30 p.m.
Contact Spc. Lugman at <a href="mailto:wallead.lugman@us.army.mil">wallead.lugman@us.army.mil</a>		

#### Jewish

Friday .....	Heritage .....	11:30 a.m.
Contact Sgt. 1st Class Crowther at <a href="mailto:harold.crowther@amed.army.mil">harold.crowther@amed.army.mil</a>		

#### Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass .....	Chapel .....	11 a.m.

#### Protestant

Sunday Service .....	Chapel .....	9 a.m.
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### Youth Ministry



Sunday night  
(6 to 8 p.m.) at  
Youth Center,  
building 7338,

is a night of  
energy, excitement and fun.  
Our Youth Ministry revolves  
around prayer, praise, and a  
message addressing contem-  
porary youth topics. Call Jerry  
Thompson at 920-9982.